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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 5903

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, TH, MY
SUBJECT: MSCT RAISES ITS HEAD

1. A NUMBER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN BANGKOK, INCLUDING THE
U.S. EMBASSY, HAVE RECEIVED A MIMEOGRAPHED ANTI-GOVERNMENT
LEAFLET SIGNED "THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL
STUDENTS CENTRE OF THAILAND 1977", AND DATED 4 MARCH
1977, BANGKOK, THAILAND. WE RECEIVED OUR LEAFLET ON
MARCH 15 IN A PLAIN ENVELOPE WITH A BANGKOK POSTMARK.
WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF THE LEAFLET TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. THE LEAFLET, WRITTEN IN EXTREMELY POOR ENGLISH, IS
ADDRESSED TO "THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF OTHER
COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. TO CENSURE AND OPPOSE THE
BEHAVIOUR OF THE RULING NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
COUNCIL (NARC) AND THE THAI GOVERNMENT WHO DESTROYED AND
INFRINGE (SIC) THE THAI'S LIBERTY AND HUMAN'S
(SIC) RIGHTS."

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3. THE FIRST HALF OF THE LEAFLET IS A CRITICAL AND RATHER
TENDENTIOUS SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE OCTOBER
6 INCIDENT AND AN ATTACK ON RTG RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONAL
LIBERTIES. THE REST OF THE LEAFLET, HOWEVER, IS AN
ATTACK UPON THAI/MALAYSIAN COOPERATION AGAINST INSURGENTS
IN SOUTH THAILAND, WITH MALAYSIAN ACTIONS BEARING THE
BRUNT OF THE CRITICISM. IT NOT ONLY ATTACKS MALAYSIA

FOR USING ITS TROOPS IN THAI TERRITORY, BUT FOR ALLEGEDLY BROADCASTING "IN MUSLIM LANGUAGE" TO MALAYS LIVING IN SOUTH THAILAND IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT.

4. THE LEAFLET CONTAINS NO RECOGNIZABLE MARXIST RHETORIC, NOR DOES IT APPEAR TO SUPPORT REVOLUTION AS A MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE GRIEVANCES IT PRESENTS. IT INSTEAD MERELY CALLS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CENSURE THE THAI AND MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENTS FOR RECENT ACTIONS WHICH HAVE ALLEGEDLY RESULTED IN VARIOUS DAMAGES TO THE THAI PEOPLE AND THAILAND. IT CONTAINS NOTHING SPECIFIC WHICH INDICATES ITS TRUE ORIGIN, BUT THE SPACE GIVEN TO MALAYSIAN ACTIVITIES MIGHT INDICATE THAT IT DOES IN FACT COME FROM SOME FACTION OF THE THAI STUDENT MOVEMENT WHICH WENT UNDERGROUND IN SOUTH THAILAND AFTER OCTOBER 6.
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